

TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Grant, Vice Mayor Angela Thomas, Councilman Cole, Councilman Daniels, and Councilman Theo Washington.

STAFF: Attorney Joseph Morrell, Roger Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer, Abu Canady, Public Works Director, Rod Bargaineer, Recreation Director, Joseph Jenkins, Deputy, Eric McIntyre, Chief of Police, Katrina Gibson, Finance Director, and Cathlene Williams; Town Clerk.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM- Mayor Grant called the Council Meeting to order at 7:33 PM., Pastor Critton led the Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

- IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY**
- V. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A. Presentation by Sandi Melgarejo with Government Services Group, Inc., regarding Fire Services Assessment and Process. (**WORKSHOP ONLY**).

In regards to the Fire Assessment Fees, we are looking at several various ways to maintain a certain level of service to our residents, for years the previous Town Councils has talked about Fire Assessment Fees, with the presentation tonight, we are asking Council to allow the Administration to hire a consultant to put together an assessment fee for your consideration, we believe there are opportunities for additional funds to assist the Town with maintaining the level of service that we have with Maitland. Mr. Dixon and I met with the CEO from Aspire, (formerly Lakeside Alternatives), the Town runs a significant amount of calls both fire and police to this business. We will be sending a letter to Aspire asking for an annual contribution to the Town of Eatonville in lieu of fees.

- VI. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of January 5, 2016 Town Council Minutes.**
 - B. Approval of Resolution #2016-5, adopting the 2014/2015 CRA Budget. (Administration).** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2016-5, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
 - C. Approval of Resolution #2016-6, adopting the 2015/2016 CRA Budget. (Administration).** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2016-5, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

D. Approval of detailed Budget and Check register for December, 2015. (Finance Dept).

E. Request approval to award bid to Prime Construction for Eatonville East Side Waste Water Improvement Project. (A. Canady). We are not asking for a contract approval, just to accept the bid that was submitted for the east side waste water project. The bid came in at 1.8 million, we have about one million dollars as stated by Mayor Grant, and we are not under obligation by accepting the bid award. Councilman Washington asked if the contractors in Catalina Park are on schedule with their project. Mr. Canady replied they are on track to complete this project ahead of schedule. Attorney Morrell asked for clarification on the wording of award and acceptance in regards to this contract. Mr. Canady indicated that Council can award the Bid to Prime contractors and then the next step is the contract portion, two different steps. Mayor Grant, made changes to the language; authorize staff to **negotiate** with the low bidder, Prime Construction, and come back with a contract to be considered.

F. Approval of Resolution #2016-7, Creating a Charter Review Advisory Committee. (Chief Administrative Office). A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA CREATING THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION, PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF THE CHARTER REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF MEMBERS, PROVIDING FOR RULES OF PROCEDURES, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

G. Approval to accept the names of the individuals submitted by Town Council for the Charter Revision Committee.

H. Approval of Proposal for Charter Review/Scope of Services from the Florida Institute of Government. (Chief Administrative Office.

I. Approval to authorize staff to start the process Resolution for Fire Assessment Services for the 2016/2017 Tax Revenue Year.
ADDED DURING COUNCIL MEETING.

Motion by Councilman Cole, motion seconded by Councilman Daniels to approve the Consent Agenda with **Item (I) being added**, and noted changes made to Item (E), and Item (F);, (Section 2,) (a); ~~Town Council Input~~; **Town Council recommendation**; Section 3 (c), § 2(2); (no change) and (Section 4), ~~Mayor shall appoint a Chairperson, committee~~

**shall appoint a Chairperson; during the workshop AYE: ALL,
MOTION PASSES.**

VII. COUNCIL DECISION

VIII. STAFF REPORT

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT

Councilman Cole- in reference to the letter regarding the water, can we be notified of the situation in advance. Parade was nice, ran out of candy, Mayor didn't share his candy.

Councilman Washington- gave thanks to the MLK Committee, Ms. Fort, parade was nice, received a lot of good comments about the parade, looking forward to next year.

Councilman Daniels- best parade in years, co-workers enjoyed the parade, best they have seen in years. In regards to Catalina Park entrance, can we put a sign for the cross-way for pedestrians to walk cross? Maybe next budget year, more efficient in regards to the agenda packets, tablets surface Pro.

Vice Mayor Thomas- parade was great, I was also in Apopka's parade on Monday, want to thank Ms. Louisteen Cummings. My only concern was that I didn't have the Eatonville sign for the vehicle. Want to give thanks to Deputy Jenkins, and Ms. Fort, for getting me the signs to identify who I was. This Town vehicle not for personnel use, it should have never been at park and ride, I think the vehicle should be left here over the week-end. Introduced Ms. Patricia, the baseball program in Eatonville is going forward, we have named it, the Eatonville Monarchs. The program will go from the ages of 4 year olds to adult league, the team has been adopted by Macedonia. Vice Mayor asked the Town for assistance with office space for this program, to use the old CRA Building. Mayor Grant replied we will take a look at this.

Mayor Grant- gave thanks to the MLK Committee; Sherron, Rod, and Baruti, Abu, and the rest of the staff, we heard a lot of positive comments about the parade. At the next Council meeting, we will have the numbers for Council, we are a little over budget. In response to Vice Mayor's concerns regarding the Towns vehicle, I will be dealing with Mr. Dixon on that issue, we are not above our policies, we will be held accountable, and enforce those policies created by Town Council. In regards to the police department, I think it should take another direction, I have not given up on that position, I want a different direction in leadership, and there is a need for strong leadership and clear vision. I am asking Council again tonight for their support to change direction in the police department, but I want to offer Mr. McIntyre the Sgt. Position and give him three (3) days to consider this position, if not we will move on with some different leadership. Council has done this in the past with other department directors, when the leadership was changed. Councilman Daniels asked Mayor Grant does he have a potential candidate for the position; Mayor Grant responded no he does not. Councilman Cole

stated that he can't support this because how the process has been done. Vice Mayor asked Mayor Grant has this issue been discussed with Mr. McIntyre; Mayor Grant replied Mr. Dixon met with Mr. McIntyre earlier today on this issue. Motion by Mayor Grant to support to terminate the position of Police Chief, and offer him the position of Sgt., to accept in (72) hours, no second to the motion. Vice Mayor Thomas asked that this item be brought back at the next Council meeting.

Attorney Morrell- No Report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

NONE

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-

Marilyn Crotty- Director of the Institute of Government thanked Council for the approval of the Letter of Agreement for the Charter Review Committee. As for the appointments to the Committee by Council, they should be residents and registered voters of the Town. In regards to a Chair for the committee, her recommendation would be to not have a Chairperson for the committee, this way the Board members are equal. I will bring pros and cons on the issue to the Board, each member will receive a book, called the Model Charter. The recommendations from the Committee will come to Town Council, which will have the final approval on what will go on the ballot, which will then have to be approved by the voters.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Council Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



**Respectfully Submitted by:
Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk**